

Senate Resolution No. 27

Introduced by Senator Margett

Relative to “Asthma Awareness Day.”

WHEREAS, According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, an estimated 20.7 million adults in the United States have been diagnosed with asthma; and

WHEREAS, According to the National Institutes of Health, more than 70 percent of people with asthma also have allergies; and

WHEREAS, According to the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Disease, 10 million Americans suffer specifically from allergic asthma; and

WHEREAS, Asthma is the number one long-term disease among children, affecting over nine million children under the age of 18 years; and

WHEREAS, There were nearly two million asthma-related visits to hospital emergency departments in 2002, including 727,000 for children under 18 years of age; and

WHEREAS, In 2002, there were 4,261 deaths from asthma; and

WHEREAS, Asthma-related health care costs are estimated at \$14 billion annually; and

WHEREAS, Asthma accounts for 14.7 million missed school days and 11.8 million work days annually; and

WHEREAS, Efforts such as World Asthma Day, established in 1998 and recognized by health care groups and asthma groups around the United States and the world, have increased awareness of the burden of asthma and improved asthma care worldwide; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, That the Senate hereby proclaims April 21, 2006, as “Asthma Awareness Day”; and be it further

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of this resolution to the author for distribution.

Senate Resolution No. 27 read and adopted by the Senate April 6, 2006.

Attest: _____
Secretary of the Senate